Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Chief Master Sergeant James M. Welch's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize these patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Chief Master Sergeant Welch has devoted more than 40 years of his life making sacrifices that demonstrated no mission was too hard, no challenge was too great, and through tests and trials he emerged stronger than before; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership as the Senior Enlisted Leader to the South Dakota National Guard and as the State Command Chief to the South Dakota Air National Guard have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country, and it is a privilege to honor his success, his sacrifice, and his devoted service; and,

Whereas, Chief Master Sergeant Welch continues to give of himself, and our future is brighter thanks to his dedication; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Chief Master Sergeant James M. Welch for more than 40 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 5, 2016, as

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JAMES M. WELCH DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State